GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:208
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2001
NORMS FOR DECLARING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
JAYANTA RONGPI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the standard norms fixed for declaring a National Highway;

(b) the criterion and specifications adhered to while improving the National Highways ; and

(c) the basis on which funds are allotted for different National Highways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.208 FOR ANS ON 06.08.2001 ASKED BY DR. JAYANTA RONGPI REGARDING NORMS FOR DECLARING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) The criteria for the declaration of State road into National Highway is as under :-

(i) Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.

(ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries.

(iii) Roads connecting the National Capital with State capital and roads connecting mutually the State capitals.

(iv) Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centres.

(v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.

(vi) Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.

(vii) Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.

(viii) National Highway grid of 100 Km is achieved.

(ix) The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways - both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements.

(x) The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State

(xi) The right of way required for the National Highway (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachment and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

NB: Declaration of National Highways is considered on the basis of requirements of the country as a whole and not particularly with respect to any local requirement.

(b) These are based on the condition of the National Highway, traffic intensity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(c) The funds are allotted State-wise and not NH-wise.